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COURT TAKES OVER THIS PAPER

ACTION FILED TO FORECLOSE ON FREE PRESS

N. Baker Investment Co. Sues For \$83,000

On Monday, Jan. 15 the Norman Baker Investment Co., a corporation organized by Norman Baker for the purpose of consolidating his holdings, on instructions from Mr. Baker commenced suit in equity in the district court of Muscatine on certain promissory notes made payable to Norman Baker and assigned by him to the plaintiff corporation and praying for the foreclosure of three mortgages executed by the officers of the Progressive Publishing Co., to Norman Baker and assigned by him to his corporation, the Norman Baker Investment Co.

The plaintiff alleges that said promissory notes aggregate the sum of \$83,000.

The pleadings on file in said suit further show that one of Baker's staff made affidavit that the indebtedness of the defendant publishing company is \$100,000 and that the company had only \$75 in cash on hand.

The Progressive Publishing Co., appeared in court by attorneys, who secured a continuance of the hearing for the appointment of a receiver alleged to be stipulated for in the mortgages, until Monday, Jan. 22 at 10 a. m., at which time the matter will be further heard by the court.

20TH AMENDMENT NOW IN EFFECT

Every State In Union Votes To Ratify Norris Bill

The 20th Amendment, abolishing the "lame duck" session of Congress, has gone into effect. From now on, the Congressman or Senator who has been elected to stay at home will stay there—instead of spending three months after his defeat in Washington, carrying out policies which the voters have repudiated.

For this, as for many other things, the country may thank George W. Norris of Nebraska; not that he fought alone, but that he led the fight, and stuck to it like a bulldog until success came. Norris has earned, not for the first time, the thanks of the nation—but what shall be said of the reactionaries who fought to keep the amendment from being submitted to the people?

The resolution for this amendment passed the Senate six times before the House was allowed to vote on it. Hobbled by the machine

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Resolution of Policy

WHEREAS, the stockholders of the Progressive Publishing Company, publishing the Mid-West Free Press at Muscatine, Iowa, at its annual meeting on the Eighth Day of January, 1934, made and effected a complete change in the management, policy and control of said newspaper by and through the election of the undersigned as members of the Board of Directors thereof, and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors desiring to carry out the purposes and intent of the stockholders of said corporation does hereby declare the following to be the purposes, principles and policy of said newspaper, viz:

FIRST. That said newspaper be and the same is hereby dedicated to the principle that those things that are monopolistic and governmental in nature should be publicly owned and operated to the end that all members of society might enjoy the blessings thereof.

SECOND. We pledge the loyal, hearty and consistent co-operation and support of this newspaper to the present and future city administrations, the Chamber of Commerce, the Advertising Club, the Lions, the Rotary, the Kiwanis, and other civic, religious, fraternal and labor organizations of the City of Muscatine in any movement undertaken by them or any of them for the improvement or betterment of the City of Muscatine or the State of Iowa.

THIRD. We particularly declare that it shall be the policy and purpose of this newspaper to at all times support the Municipally owned and operated Water and Light Plants throughout Iowa including the City of Muscatine and also the Trustees of said plants in their efforts and labors to operate the same successfully for the people.

FOURTH. We further declare that it shall be the policy of this newspaper to operate the same with Union Labor and to always support those public measures beneficial to the laboring class.

FIFTH. That the name of said newspaper be and the same is hereby changed from Mid-West Free Press to that of Mid-West Progressive.

Adopted and approved this 10th Day of January, 1934.

M. H. COMPTON
President and Chairman of Board.

Attest. H. C. LAWRENCE
Its Secretary.

HERBERT G. THOMPSON
CHAS. P. HANLEY
U. G. BOND
W. A. LEONARD
Directors.

W. D. RANDALL RECEIVER FOR PROGRESSIVE

Company Joins In Plea To Guard Interests

On Tuesday Jan. 16 Attorney W. D. Randall was appointed receiver of the Progressive Publishing Company and his bond fixed at \$5,000 in an order signed by Judge D. V. Jackson of the district court at Muscatine.

Application for the appointment was made by Leo O'Leary, who claimed the company is indebted to him.

Company Joins In Plea

In an answer filed by the defendant company it admits that it is insolvent and joins in the plea for the appointment of a receiver.

The order signed by Judge Jackson directs that the receiver take immediate possession of the property and assets of the company and to operate, publish and circulate a newspaper. All officers, agents and employees of the company are ordered by the court to deliver over to the receiver or his agents all money, books, accounts and other property in their hands.

Paper Will Continue

The new board of directors, which was elected at the annual meeting of the corporation in the forepart of January had determined to continue the publication of the paper but to do so under the new name of Mid-West Progressive and with a complete

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HERRING REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR NRA

Iowa Governor Starts Movement Nation- Wide In Scope

WASHINGTON — A Nation-wide movement to secure unanimous support for NRA has been started by Gov. Clyde L. Herring, of Iowa. He has sent a message in the form of a full-page newspaper announcement to every chamber of commerce in Iowa and newspapers throughout the State have carried it as a worthy contribution to the recovery program. He also has written to each of the other 47 governors requesting them to ask chambers of commerce to broadcast the message. The announcement displays a message to President Roosevelt headed "Count on us all the way," and reading in part: "Our farmers and workers have been patient and moderate. Most of our employers have been willing to make sacrifices. This must not change if prosperity is to be restored. Much has been done. Much remains to be done. We pledge a fair trial of your policies."

Gering, Nebraska Buys Current From Government Plant

The City of Gering, Nebraska, is buying electric current wholesale from the Hydro-Electric Plant owned and operated by the United States Government in connection with the irrigation project at Guernsey, Wyoming. This current it distributes from its own system and as a result, the city is earning a profit of over \$2,244.00 per month.

NOTICE

Many subscribers have written to say they did not receive last week's paper. This was because no paper was issued, the new board of directors, elected at the meeting January 8, 1934, believing it best to miss one issue due to the change of policy intended for the Mid-West Progressive.

Jacksonville Gets Huge Profit From Own Power Plant

According to a statement which appeared in the Hearst papers, by Mr. Brisbane, the Jacksonville Municipal Light and Power Plant makes a profit of a million and a half a year on its municipally owned light and power plant. The city sells light and power to its citizens from its own plant, according to Mr. Brisbane, cheaper than any other city in America except Seattle and Tacoma which own their own light and power plants.

MILWAUKEE VOTES BOND ISSUE FOR MUNICIPAL PLAN

Municipal Ownership Of Utilities Program Is Approved

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee, with a Socialist mayor for 17 years but with an anti-Socialist majority in the council during that time, took the first step toward a program of municipal ownership when the council amid bitter opposition approved a \$28,600,000 bond issue to be used for municipal projects.

Although the proposal was criticized as "Bolshevism" and bitterly attacked during the debate, only three non-Socialists had the courage to record themselves as against, the budget passing 24 to 3. If the federal government approves the loans as is required, \$15,000,000 will be spent for a power plant, \$6,000,000 for housing and slum clearance, \$4,600,000 for a filtration plant and \$3,000,000 for miscellaneous utilities.

Included among the "miscellaneous utilities" is supposed to be funds for a municipal milk plant, one of Mayor Daniel W. Hoan's favorite projects. Hoan has always insisted that milk is a public utility and that the municipality ought to distribute milk itself to guard against profiteering.

Indorsement of Hoan's plan for municipal milk distribution was given by Art H. Christman, director of the Wisconsin Cooperative Milk Pool. Christman warned members of the pool against "milk trust executives who will spend money in getting farmers to organize against municipal ownership," and declared that the fulfillment of the Hoan proposal would mean "a real square deal" for the farmer, consumer and the milkmen.

RANDALL NAMED IN RECEIVERSHIP

Company Joins In Court Action To Protect Its Interests

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change of policy and management.

Harold C. Lawrence of Muscatine will have charge of the office and books of the company; Leo O'Leary has been retained as editor and the personnel in charge of the mechanical department will be retained at least for the present.

The action wherein Mr. Randall was appointed receiver was instituted by a local creditor in order that a receiver might be appointed who would represent the interests of all the creditors and the stockholders. It was feared that the action for a receiver by the Norman Baker Investment Company if successful as planned might result in the appointment of a receiver who would have been mostly concerned in protecting the Baker mortgage interests, thus continuing the paper, if at all under the old policy and management instead of the new one.

WHAT IS "F. P. 1"?

What is "F. P. 1"? The initials and the number may be mystifying, but they stand simply for "Floating Platform One"—a gigantic steel structure, 450 feet wide, 1,500 feet long, and weighing 400,000 tons.

It is an artificial island in mid-Atlantic. Its imaginary site is 960 miles west of the Azores. It is a creation of the future and belongs to the time when the stations on the air route between Europe and America will be Lisbon, the Azores, "F. P. 1," the

The Crucial Round



Elderman in Washington Post

Bermudas, and New York — a journey of 3,610 miles to be made in less than 24 hours in four hops.

This thrilling vision of the future has been made the subject of the most ambitious talking-picture production undertaken in the past year. It is the Fox presentation of "F. P. 1," coming on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23 and 24 to the A-Muse-U Theatre.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANTS

Painesville, Ohio, has its own municipal electric lighting plant. Despite several rate reductions it has been piling up a surplus of about \$4,000 a month. The rates are now among the lowest in Ohio.

The Ostyaks of West Siberia gathered a big cranberry crop this season.

CWA Survey of Farm Tax Delinquencies To Start This Week

AMES, Iowa — Work on a CWA survey of farm tax delinquencies, mortgage foreclosures and farm land values in every county in Iowa will be under way by the end of this week. More than 200 men and women are already engaged in the work in 70 counties.

When the data are gathered, they will be sent to Ames for summary. Tax delinquency data will be gathered for 5 years back, and other data for 13 years—back to 1920—for one township in each county. The project, under the direction of Dean R. E. Buchanan and Prof. Geoffrey Shepherd of Iowa State College, will continue until Feb. 15.

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formed by "Nick" Longworth, speaker; Bertrand H. Snell, chairman of the Rules Committee, and John Q. Tilson, floor leader of the then majority, the House of Representatives was not permitted for nearly ten years to express its judgment on a fundamental reform of American government!

Longworth, Tilson, Snell and others brazenly asserted that the American people did not want this amendment. But when the American people got a chance at the matter, every state in the union voted to ratify the Norris amendment; and in many legislatures, the vote was unanimous.

Liverpool, England, is spending \$40,000,000 in abolishing its slums.

ROOSEVELT SEEKS CONTINUATION OF CWA PAST MAY 1

President Expected To Ask Congress For More Money

WASHINGTON — It is now expected that President Roosevelt will ask Congress for \$350,000,000 to continue the Civil Works re-employment until May 1, as he and his financial advisors anticipate a revenue surplus over ordinary expenditures in 1934 and 1935.

The Civil Works Administration has already had at its disposal \$400,000,000 for pushing its program, with lessening of activities taking place gradually until May as its plan.

Expectation of the surplus was announced by the Administration following a conference with Director of the Budget Lewis Douglas on the situation of budget figures for the fiscal year beginning in July, 1934.

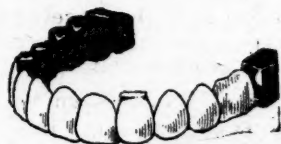
Friends of the administration reiterated that everything was harmonious in the budget conferences, despite reports to the contrary. Between Mr. Douglas' economy views and those of officials advocating heavy expenditures, it was stated there was every reason to believe a middle ground satisfactory to all would be reached within the next few weeks.

Mr. Douglas has wanted expenditures held to around \$2,600,000,000, and he estimated revenues in the neighborhood of \$3,500,000,000.

Owners of machines and electrical appliances in Belgium that cause interruption with radio reception are required by the government to remedy the trouble under penalty of heavy fines.



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As We See It

THE TWO ROOSEVELTS

On the American scene today there are two Roosevelts, related, but as unlike in their concepts of social and political philosophy as the Nazi Hitlerite and the Chinese Communist.

One is Franklin D. Roosevelt, leader of a great national administration and a courageous, sincere fighter for human rights as against the entrenched interests of property and wealth.

The other is Theodore Roosevelt Jr., son of the famous "T. R.," who for years has been aligned with the Hoover-Mellon crowd of Republican reactionaries and who has apparently inherited none of the liberalism with which his father was credited.

Franklin D. Roosevelt in his budget message vehemently stressed the need for continuing the vast recovery program initiated under his leadership and the continued appropriation of large sums for public works.

Theodore Roosevelt Jr., in a recent address called the public works program "ruinously expensive" and would stop federal works expenditures and throw the unemployed back on the local doles.

Franklin D. Roosevelt frankly proposes a nine billion dollar budget and an increase in the national debt to 31 billions, placing his confidence in the soundness of American credit.

Theodore Roosevelt Jr., views with alarm the increase in the public debt to even 26 billions and trembles lest the credit of the United States "crumble away."

In the PWA program sponsored by Franklin D. Roosevelt, it is provided that federal funds may be made available to municipalities in order that they may own their own power, light, water, and transportation utilities.

Theodore Roosevelt Jr., calls this provision "wasteful" and parrots the plaint of the utility trust which fights every move to curb its exploiting of the consumer public.

Franklin D. Roosevelt's Citizens Conservation Corps has taken a quarter of a million jobless young men, most of whom were in need and in want, and put them to work on constructive conservation projects in American forests.

Theodore Roosevelt Jr., calls himself an "ardent conservationist," yet he criticizes the CCC as an ineffective way of getting public funds to those in greatest need. And he calls

the \$1 per day pay these young men receive "high wages."

Franklin D. Roosevelt believes that the interests of the nation and the morale and character of the unemployed are best served by providing jobs on public works rather than by direct public charity.

Theodore Roosevelt Jr., would junk the entire public works relief program and put the nation's millions of unemployed on the dole, pauperizing them as public dependents.

These are some of the diagonal differences of these two men, the two leading figures on the American scene bearing the illustrious name of Roosevelt. One is the courageous liberal who is broad enough to see the whole picture, face the realities of these strenuous times, and discard the outmoded and outdated "rugged individualism" of Hoover days. The other is the lind reactionary who talks the discredited dogmas and voices the philosophy of standpatism that brought this country to the brink of chaos last March.

The American people can ill afford to give heed to a man of Theodore Roosevelt Jr.'s stripe. He speaks the philosophy of government that proved the nation's near-undoing. But the public approbation of the works and principles of Franklin D. Roosevelt convinces that there is little doubt of the people's choice between the two Roosevelts.

ON WAY TO RECOVERY

A careful comparison of first-of-the-year trade predictions discloses that the same nationally known manufacturers and distributors who now forecast continuance of the favorable trend have not voiced a comparable degree of confidence in exactly 4 years. They ascribe reasons, with the general explanation that recently they were able to base public statements upon statistics of sustained and gradually increasing sales during the last half of 1933 and definite knowledge that the momentum for continuance of partial recovery is founded upon forward orders for all classes of commodities.

It is a favorite saying that there is no available index for confidence. But it cannot be denied that business concerns reflect their faith or lack of it in making up their advertising budgets for the coming period. In a fairly typical statement, Winthrop Hoyt declares in the Editor and Publisher:

"Many of us may wonder just where we are going, but Heaven knows, in contrast with 1 and 2 years ago, we at least are on our way. And I know that the business with which I have contacts is improving. Many of our clients are

greatly increasing their 1934 advertising appropriations. To date no client has decreased his 1934 appropriation in comparison with his 1933 appropriation."

Either of these developments can fairly be regarded as "an available index for confidence," which is merely a reflection of the confidence the people have reposed in the President's determined effort to restore normal conditions.

AN EDITORIAL

In the launching of this newspaper it is our thought that an explanation should be made in regard to the future policy and public relations contemplated by the new management.

It is our serious conviction that a newspaper whose life blood is furnished by the community in which it is published should at all times consider the public welfare of said community before any other interest and at any hazard to itself promote the welfare of said community and its people.

We further know that this obligation to the community is a public trust and should never be violated for any reason whatsoever.

In fact, this obligation to the community has often been said to be "a sacred trust" and with this philosophy we verily agree. With this attitude on the part of the management of this newspaper the people of the State of Iowa can feel assured that no predatory interest will in any degree influence the editorial or news service rendered in this newspaper to the public.

The most repeated censure of the press today is the charge that the editorial and news policy of the press is on the "auction block" and is sold to the highest bidder.

We promise that this charge shall never be hurled at the Mid-West Progressive.

MID-WEST PROGRESSIVE

Successor to Mid-West Free Press

Established 1930

LEO E. O'LEARY, Editor

W. D. RANDALL, Receiver

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES

In the United States one year, \$2.00; half year, \$1.00; Canada one year, \$2.50; half year, \$1.25; outside the United States, except Canada, one year, \$3.50; half year, \$1.75. Advertising rates on request.

People's Pulpit

Readers are invited to submit their views on current topics for publication in these columns. Typewritten, double-spaced letters less than 300 words written on only one side of paper are preferred. Your name will not be printed if requested, but all letters must be signed and no attention will be paid to anonymous communications.

PROSPERITY UNBALANCED

Dear Editor:

If all executives and officers of our corporations were prevented from drawing huge salaries; if they were all limited to about \$10,000 per year, how much difference would it make?

I believe that if equitably divided and so-used that it would have reverted to the employees and stockholders of those companies, it would have prevented this depression.

Thousands have been drawing

so much more in proportion to the common employees, saving it and investing in either tax-free bonds or in enlarged factories and increasing the necessity for additional dividends on unprofitable and not-needed facilities, that the division of prosperity has become completely unbalanced and inequitable.

Working Man,
Muscatine, Ia.

OLD AGE INSURANCE

Dear Editor:

Our government borrows money for public works, not that those improvements are needed at this time. The object is to give work to the unemployed. When a project is completed, workers are out of work and out of money, so the Government must borrow more money and start a new. And this will continue as long as the bankers consider the United States Government a safe place to loan their money.

no longer provide jobs for all of our people. There are employed in the United States between seven and eight million people

over the age of 60 years, as a rule they are competent and have been with their companies for years. Let them be retired with honor for long service rendered. Make them the medium through which the circulation of money can be controlled at all times through the entire United States. Pension them at \$100 a month and an additional \$35 a month for each dependent. Have it understood that this entire amount must be spent during the month in which it is received any part of this monthly pension left over at the end of the month will be returned to the Government.

This pension will cost but little more than organized charity is now costing. It will close poorhouses and similar institutions. It will eliminate soup kitchens and bread lines. It will stop charity racketeering. It will keep a steady flow of money in circulation at all times. It will restore buying power. It will give steady employment at good wages to millions who are now unemployed, it will make care-free spenders of the millions who now save for their old age. It will prevent an occurrence of such as we have experienced for the last four years.

Establish a Federal retail sale tax to be used for this purpose and the people will pay it gladly, they will know this tax can be depended upon to keep the wheels of industry moving steadily at all

times without fear of collapse, and they will realize it is an old age insurance, not for the few but for all.

With child labor abolished, the 36 hour week established, and all over the age of 60 years taken from the ranks of workers the working man will be in demand. The government can call off their public work program. Our skilled workmen to whom we formally referred with pride can forsake the pick and shovel gang for more gainful employment. Let the machines dig the ditches and make the roads.

John Daly,
527 Ximeno Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif.

SIXTEEN HOUR WEEK

Dear Editor:

I have just come across some figures of some social scientists, that I think will be of some material value to your readers.

The figures are rather startling to the average American mind. These scientific investigators are unlike some of the other economists, social philosophers and pseudo scientists, these men were reputable scientific investigators. They are Mr. M. King Hubbert, professor of geo-physics at Columbia University, and a number of other qualified research experts.

Their conclusion is that there is no good reason why anyone should

be unemployed. There are jobs for every willing and capable worker in this country. By discarding the price system in favor of scientific industrial administration and adopting a four-hour day, four-day week, all workers could be reabsorbed into industry. The prorated income of each producer, under this type of set-up, would be equivalent of about fifteen dollars an hour, sixty dollars a day, two hundred and forty dollars per week or twelve thousand four hundred and eighty dollars a year. This was substantially the report they submitted.

Sounds rather amazing doesn't it? But they have figures to prove it, and the scientists are prepared to back up the figures.

It might be a good thing for some of the unemployed to keep these figures in mind as they "pick 'em up and lay 'em down," looking for a chance to earn their daily bread.

And it will also be a good idea for some of the employed to remember that the difference between the income they have, and the income presented by Mr. M. King Hubbert, is the "rake-off" appropriated by the price system. This is really a bomb-shell the Technocrats have hurled at our present insane social system.

M. S. Adams,
R.F.D., No. 2
Muscatine, Iowa

Public Ownership Central Issue In St. Paul Election

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Public ownership of gas, electric and heating plants was made the central issue in the St. Paul city election when the campaign committee of the Ramsey County Farmer Labor Assn. indorsed a program which urged "immediate steps for the establishment of self-supporting, city-owned and operated plants, for the manufacture and distributor of gas, electricity, and heat."

Other planks adopted included adequate relief measures and fairer taxation programs. Mayor William Mahoney of St. Paul is a Farmer-Laborite, but the party has only a minority on the council.

NEW SIGNS AT LINCOLN CAFE

Charles Riepe the progressive proprietor of the Lincoln Cafe has erected two new neon-electric signs.

The street sign is a large upright on the front of the building carrying the words "Lincoln Cafe." The other is a window sign in red color.

Mr. Riepe has one of the most modern cafes in the country having complete electric refrigeration for all foods and an air ventilating system.

ANDY'S BLUE EAGLE

Andrew W. Mellon is violating his Blue Eagle code at New Kensington, Pa., by paying women workers 25 cents an hour.

Is he to get away with this?

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These are the names in the amazing aggregation of stars who appear together in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's sensational picture, "Dinner at Eight," which opens Sunday and runs four days, January 21, 22, 23, 24 at the Uptown Theatre as the most remarkable picture filmed in the last decade.

The picture is based on the play by George S. Kaufman and Edna Ferber, which ran on Broadway for more than a year. It describes the emotional experiences of a heterogeneous group of people, who are brought together at a dramatic dinner party.

Shifting its focus from one angle to another, the camera picks out a retired musical-comedy star, a shipbuilder facing bankruptcy, a "washed-up" matinee idol on the verge of suicide, an unscrupulous millionaire and his faithless wife, a Broadway theatrical agent, a philandering young doctor, a Park Avenue hostess, a cook with a toothache. Each of these individuals has his or her own emotional conflict and then they are brought together in one blasting dramatic climax.

"HAVANA WIDOWS" TO OPEN MON. AT PALACE WITH JOAN BLONDELL

For good natured, rough and tumble, catch-as-catch-can comedy, "Havana Widows," the first National picture which begins a two day engagement on the screen of the Palace Theatre, Sunday and Monday, is said to be the screen's undisputed champion.

Riotously funny and startling situations are created by Joan Blondell and Glenda Farrell. As two wise-cracking Broadway burlesque girls, they invade the Cuban capitol on a hunt for millionaire easy marks, whom they hope to compromise and shake-down for easy money.

Their mad adventures lead them into the most unusual lot of complications, which because they are played so broadly, result in one fast comedy situation after another.

Snappy dialogue has been injected into the screen play by Rian James. The comedy action is carried along by no less than six players who know how to strut their stuff. Besides Joan Blondell and Glenda Farrell these include Guy Kibbee, Allen Jenkins, Lyle Talbot, Frank McHugh, Ruth Donnelly, Ralph Ince and Maude Eburne. Ray Enright directed.

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Universal Adoption Of
30-Hour Week In
Resolution

NEW YORK — The advisability of a general strike to bring about universal adoption of the 30-hour week in American industry is to be debated at a special convention of the American Federation of Labor if that organization follows the suggestion made by the United Textile Workers of America.

The suggestion that the federation call a convention of its 75,000 members was made in a resolution adopted at the workers headquarters here.

Thomas F. McMahon, president of the United Textile Workers, in publicizing the resolution said that American workers must be ready to fight for the 6-hour-day-30-hour-week if the employment situation is to be improved.

The resolution explained, in part, that the people of the United States cannot buy food and shelter in the midst of plenty. Production of plants increased 40 per cent in the past ten years, while the actual work week decreased only 14 per cent, the resolution declared.

The textile council voted also to ask General Hugh Johnson, National Recovery Administrator, for union representation on all textile codes as a means of putting a stop to violations.

Plans were completed by the council for setting up of a federation composed of workers in the silk industry. A meeting of all silk workers will be called some time in January for this purpose. The executive council also voted to ask depletion of Article 17 from the cotton textile code, the union's contention being that Section 3 of this article sets up a form of company union and was placed in the code without consultation with labor.

DEFINITIONS

Strategy (military): Method of not letting enemy know you are out of ammunition by continuing firing.

Tale: Biggest part of a fish.

Tangerine: A loose-leaf orange.

Vacuum: Nothing shut up in a box.

Zebra: Horse with stripes used to illustrate the letter Z.

SUMMERVILLE - DEVINE NEWEST COMEDY TEAM TOGETHER in 'HORSE PLAY'

According to an announcement received yesterday from Ludy Bosten, manager of the Uptown Theatre, what is pre-labeled as the season's most uproarious comedy is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, January 19 and 20.

The comedy is "Horse Play," Universal's latest laugh-provoker, co-starring Slim Summerville and Andy Devine, teamed together for the first time, and supported by a cast which includes such stellar names as Leila Hyams, playing the feminine lead, and May Beatty, Una O'Connor, David Torrence, Lucille Lund, Ethel Griffies, Cornelius Keefe and Ferdinand Gottschalk.

The tale of "Horse Play" might be aptly called the "tale" of a horse, and how, through the mad manoeuvrings of Slim and Andy, two western cowboys, the animal is finally presented amid royal splendor—through a maze of roaring circumstances—to the girl who is secretly the apple of Slim's bashful eye.

The locale moves from the dust clouded reaches of a Montana ranch to the fog-drenched streets of London and an English baronial estate and depicts the career of an American girl, a horse and a love-smitten cowboy—all of whom are precipitated into many an amusing situation.

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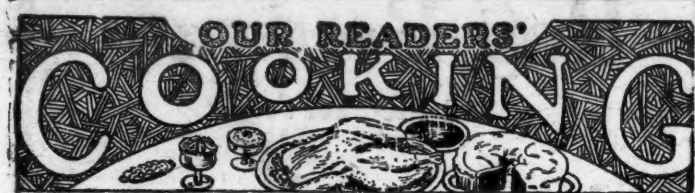
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Raw Potato Dumplings
3 medium size raw potatoes grated, drain off water after grating. Add ½ cup flour, if this is not enough flour, add a little more to hold together, 1 teaspoon salt. Drop in boiling salt water about 20 minutes, when you take out of salt water pour over the dumplings a little cold water so they do not get sticky, put bacon and onion in pan and fry about 3 slices of bacon and 1 large onion chopped. When brown and tender put in dumplings and fry until a nice brown and serve hot. These dumplings are also good served with a brown gravy.

Mrs. Will Soat,
Galena, Ill.

Apricot Pie

Soak 1 lb. apricots over night in enough water to cover, in the morning cook in same water until tender, more water may be needed, sweeten to taste, then pour into pastry shells which have been baked before filling, cover with marshmallow cream. Set in cold place. This makes 2 pies.

Mrs. H. G. C.,
Galesburg, Ill.

Hungarian Goulash

Cut 1 lb. steak in small cubes and fry until brown in plenty of lard. Add and brown 4 large onions cut in small pieces. Then add and partly brown 4 large potatoes, cubed. Cover with water. Bring to boil and thicken with cornstarch. Salt and pepper to taste.

Mrs. C. U.,
Davenport, Iowa

Chop Suey

30c beef and 15c pork, grind together and fry in butter, 1 bunch celery, 3 big onions, grind and fry in butter, 1 quart tomatoes. Season tomatoes with salt and pepper and a pinch of red pepper and boil. Sweeten to taste. Cook 1

pkg. spaghetti and drain. Put 1 layer meat, 1 layer celery and onion, layer of spaghetti, and 1 of tomatoes. When your baking dish has been filled in this manner, place in oven and bake for ten minutes.

Clinton, Iowa
Mrs. C. W. E.

WHEN COMPANY COMES

The ties of parental love often bear a pretty heavy strain when "company" comes.

Cherubs, mothers' angels and just the ordinary garden variety of sometimes-good, sometimes-not-so-good young 'uns are often, even in the best of families... transformed magically into veritable little demons when guests arrive.

Lydia V. Swanson, of the Child Development Department at Iowa State College, offers a suggestion that has helped many harassed parents overcome this tendency in their offspring.

"Instead of shutting the children out of the picture when guests are expected," Miss Swanson says, "they are appointed to do certain tasks to help make the visitors 'happy and comfortable.' Perhaps it is to dust the living room, sweep the front porch or help plan the menu in preparation. Then, when the guests arrive, to help greet them, show them to the dressing room, or see that everyone has a comfortable chair."

If the child feels that he is helping give the party, Miss Swanson says, he will be much more likely to feel an interested responsibility that will not allow him to spoil his own party by his own undesirable behavior.

WALKING AS AN EASY METHOD OF REDUCING SURPLUS WEIGHT

By George J. Conley, D.O.
From Osteopathic Magazine

Walking has become almost obsolete. The average person if he is going anywhere, even a few squares, immediately looks for and takes advantage of the speediest conveyance he can commandeer. He covers the distance with physical ease and in quick time, but at what a price! He loses the physical advantage of the exercise; his muscles become flabby, tend to atrophy, and fatty infiltration takes its toll. The bodily functions become sluggish, liver inactive, bowels constipated and physical disharmony or disease is the inevitable result.

Our race is diet conscious; we diet for this, that or the other thing. We are trying to compensate by food combinations and eliminations what we have lost by lack of exercise, fresh air, pure water and sunshine.

The middle aged "spread" is becoming more prevalent and is an earlier acquisition than ever before. The trend to golf is the natural concomitant and the pancreas for such of the afflicted as can make use of its benefits. Those unfortunates who are not so privileged or who are not so inclined have as their only alternative the terrifying regime of diet in order to reduce their weight, or to regain their health.

These are troublesome times. Money is scarce and must yield its maximum of benefits. Dieting thus acquires a back ground of necessity, not so much from the standpoint of food combinations to prevent accumulation of fat, but rather the limiting of one's food intake to meet his needs. Food restrictions compelled by economy already are manifesting advantages in better health for many. But enough of abstractions.

Suppose you are middle aged. You have more of the rotundity than symmetry demands. You puff on exertion. Your heart tends to skip a beat occasionally, or semi-occasionally. Your blood pressure is up. You are overloaded with your own poison. You are sluggish physically and you shun exercise. You feel the necessity for weight reduction. To accomplish this by dieting is to crucify the flesh. It robs life of some of its pleasures. "To eat is to live" but many "live to eat." It is a hard road.

Why Not Walk

So why not walk? It costs nothing. It is not all taken up. Traffic rules are not needed. It can be utilized any time, needs no paraphernalia and can be adapted to almost any need. It gets one out into the fresh air and sunshine, stimulates breathing, accelerates the circulation of the blood, automatically provides for the increased intake of fresh air to provide the oxygen needed for the physical exertion. It burns out the fatty deposits and brings about muscular regeneration and development. Every tissue in the body is benefited. But how can one do this in these days of the rule of speed?

Arrange the day's schedule to accommodate this simple homely exercise—walking. Of course you will avoid violent exertion or physical exhaustion. But if it is only half a square and return at a slow pace, do that—and repeat daily, gradually increasing the distance as the strength permits, until you are walking an hour. Then increase the speed. Count your customary steps a minute, and then increase the number according to your strength and respiration.

One hundred and twenty steps a minute is the standard pace for the army. It represents the rhythm which brings the maximum of results with the minimum of effort. When you can cover the distance easily using the route step, crowd that up to 125, 130, 135, or even 140 steps a minute.

You will be surprised at the results. The surplus weight will be reduced, the girth diminished, the respiratory effort deepened and the heart's strength increased. You will tingle with the glow of the accelerated circulation and the healthy perspiration which exercise brings. You come in warm, sweating and with a feeling of well being. A hot, soapy scrub and a cold shower followed by a vigorous rub, five or ten minutes on your back on the bed with the feet elevated six inches to a foot above the body, brings about relaxation, and the removal of fatigue toxins from the muscles of the legs. Then you feel like doing things. You feel that you can "whip your weight in wild cats." Then you will love the means that result in such a condition. You are peeved if something prevents the daily regime.

The time employed is not wasted. You will walk alone as a rule. This time can be spent in contemplative thinking, in meditation, in working out a problem in business or in thinking over and digesting the matter you have been reading or studying during the past few hours or days. One can always think, and it is a comparatively easy matter to direct that train of thought along useful or advantageous lines.—The College Journal.

Use decorated oilcloth draperies on the bathroom windows instead of the conventional dotted swiss, dimity, etc.

Cut the baby's fingernails frequently to stop it from scratching itself.

A drop of perfume on the electric light bulb will scent the whole room.

Proper care makes clothes last longer. Hang them up neatly after wearing.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

Always hang colored wash things in the shade; too much sun will fade them.

Rust spots can sometimes be removed from linens by moistening with lemon juice, covering with table salt and placing in the sun to dry.

If you want to have a good figure, when you sit down, sit down; don't slump down.

A square of linoleum makes a good top for the work table.

Ants and such pests can be kept out of bee hives by placing the legs of the hives in shallow tins containing old crankcase oil.

A built-in woodbox which can be filled from the outside is a great help to the busy farm wife.

Dirt may be removed from gilt picture frames by using a little warm water to which is added a little household ammonia.

Sometimes corn flakes and bran flakes are quicker and easier to use for crumbling than bread crumbs.

If you or the children get chocolate stains on the table linen sprinkle the stain with powdered borax and pour boiling water through it.

Before baking potatoes put them in hot water and let stand for 15 minutes and they will require but half the time for baking.

Mildewed clothing can be bleached by soaking in buttermilk.

If your house plants get lice on them, or green small flies, wash them with common bluing used in rinse water. Make it stronger if one treatment is not enough, give them a good second or third bath, also pour it over the soil in the pots. Wash bluing is poison to insects of that kind.

Stockings can be prevented from fading by washing in water to which a little turpentine is added—one tablespoonful to two quarts of water.

New baking tins will last longer if rubbed over with lard and left in a warm oven for about 10 minutes before they are used the first time.

JACKET LENGTHS MEAN



A GOOD DEAL TO NEW SUITS

FOR many seasons the suit has been approved by fashionables. And today's smart women are no different, for those in the swing of new styling proclaim this season's suit designs to be more original than ever before. So many more designs are to be had... so many different silhouettes are stressed... so many treatments of necklines are shown that every type of figure can be well satisfied with the suit ideas of the year.

The wrist length jacket is a favorite with the slim woman... and today's adds fur to its high neckline, and places fur on its sleeves to give them more width

and importance. (McCall 7557). The box length jacket should please every woman. It has a casual, though formal silhouette. A satin blouse should contrast in color as well as in fabric with the rest of the design. (McCall 7617). The tunic length jacket is a prime favorite and an indication of how original one's suit may be. Not a bit of fur is needed for decoration... original seamings, button treatment and unique roll about the shoulder and sleeves are enough to make this tunic suit outstanding. (McCall 7621). (By courtesy of The McCall Company).

Leisure Garb

Makes Grand Gifts!



TO the feminine half of the world, the ideal gift is something to wear. And the smartest kind of gift of wearing apparel is something for leisure hours... a pajama, robe or bit of lingerie with the sumptuous feeling of handwork about it. Sketched are three examples of what we consider grand gifts. The lounging pajama in the upper right hand corner is the kind any school or college girl dotes on, particularly when it's made of an amusing plaid or checked velvet. (McCall Printed Pattern 7247). The zebra-like affair to the

left is a comfy little sleeping pajama that has lots of chic even when made up inexpensively of a striped cotton. (McCall Printed Pattern 7395). And if you have a rather elegant sophisticate on your gift list, she'll go into ecstasies over the wine red satin pajama in the foreground... its sleeves are so new and that tunic length jacket is the latest thing for lounging wear. (McCall Printed Pattern 7608). Any one of these gift items can be turned out quickly and economically. (By courtesy of The McCall Company).

CRIB FLOORS MUST BE SIX INCHES OFF GROUND FOR LOAN

DES MOINES — County warehousing boards supervising the sealing of corn for 45-cent corn loans were advised Saturday by the state department of agriculture that outside cribs to qualify must have floors at least six inches off the ground or be subject to a deduction.

This notice was sent after rulings were made by W. S. Bradley, in Washington, in charge of the corn loans.

Bradley told the department that all permanent cribs having permanent floors meet the warehousing requirements. Temporary or outdoor cribs, however, must have floors six inches from the ground or be subject to an 18-inch deduction.

In the case of a floor only four inches high, the sealer would have to deduct fourteen inches of corn from the amount on which a loan could be made, it was explained.

Bradley rules also that cribs in cities and towns can be sealed provided the proper real estate description is given and the owner signs the consent for storage agreement.

ROOSEVELT ACTS FOR FARM OWNERS

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Roosevelt moved this week to extend new aid to debt-burdened farm owners.

He asked Congress for legislation guaranteeing the principal as well as interest on bonds of the Farm Credit Administration. It was intimated at the White House that he will make the same request as to bonds of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation.

Congressional leaders forecast the overwhelming adoption of the President's recommendation. Everybody who knows how things are done in Washington appreciates that the bonds are a moral obligation on Uncle Sam and that he will redeem them out of his own pocket, if necessary.

Yet the fact that the bonds are now guaranteed only as to interest means that they are selling at a heavy discount, which makes it difficult to exchange them for mortgages.

For example, the only big buyer to date of the securities of the Farm Credit Administration is the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, a government agency, which has invested \$150,000,000.

The Home Owners' Loan Corporation has exchanged \$102,000,000 of its bonds for mortgages, but that is only a drop in the bucket. Tens of thousands of distressed home owners have been unable to get relief and the HOLC's alibi has been that its bonds have not been marketable.

Dairymen Who Test Also Cull

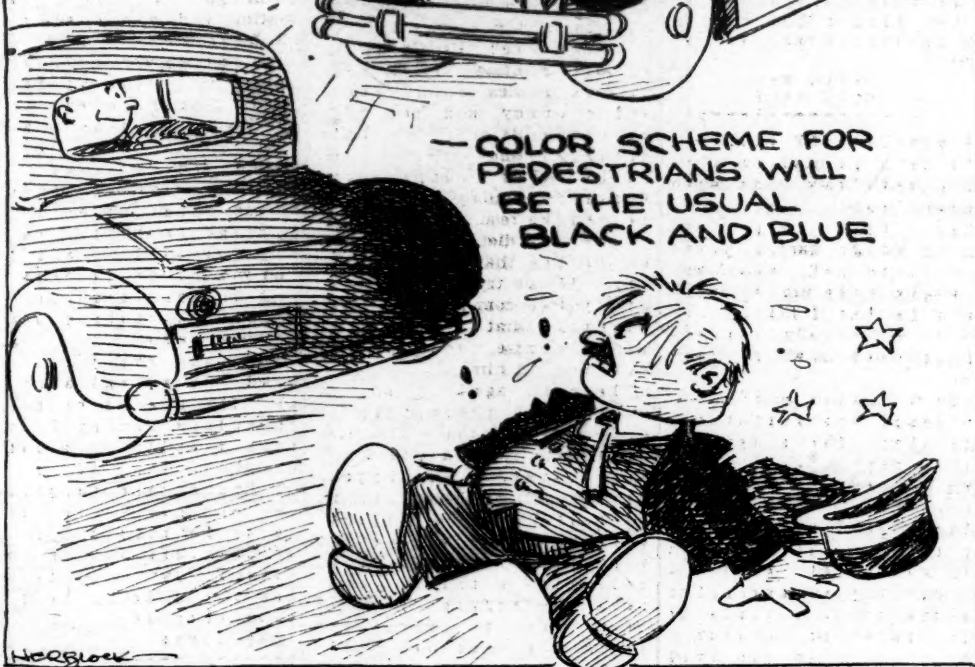
Low production accounted for the removal of nearly half of the cows culled in Iowa cow testing associations during December, the monthly report shows. Two hundred eighty-eight cows were taken from the herds, and of these 128 were culled because of low production.

The high-ranking associations for December were: North Tama, Pioneer-Cedar Falls, Sac-Carroll, Benton No. 4, Dallas-Boone, Marion-Lucas, and Benton No. 1.

The United States imported 41,020,000 pounds of binding twine in the first eight months this year compared with 31,992,000 pounds for all of last year.

Flax has proved to be a better cash crop than oats on many farms.

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Farm, Home Week to Be Held At State College Feb. 5-10

Arrangements for Farm and Home Week at Iowa State College are nearly complete with the annual short course just 3 weeks away. Farm and Home Week this year begins Feb. 5 and continues through Feb. 10.

One of the highlights of this year's program will be talks by Dr. A. G. Black, chief administrator of the corn-hog section of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and Ralph M. Moyer, of Fairfield, regional administrator.

In addition to the regular series of lectures, demonstrations and exhibitions, two new programs have been added to Farm and Home Week this year. A "young farmers' assembly," the object of which is to bring together representatives of the different organizations in rural communities and to assist these groups in consideration of "new frontiers in agriculture and community life," will be held Feb. 6 and 7.

H. H. Kildee, dean of agriculture; Rev. Stoddard Lane, Des Moines; George W. Godfrey, agricultural assistant to Pres. R. M. Hughes; Miss Agnes Samuelson, state superintendent of public instruction, and R. K. Bliss, director of the Extension Service, will be the main speakers.

The second new feature of Farm and Home Week will be a farmers' forum to stimulate discussion of important current events and to promote effective extemporaneous speaking. Ten Iowa farmers, selected from among those who register before 10 a. m. the first day of the short course, will give the talks. The Farm and Home Week Committee will pay \$5 toward the expenses of the 10 forum speakers, according to Mr. Viquain.

RABBIT SEASON CLOSES SOON

February 1st is the last day on which rabbits may be lawfully taken according to the fish and game regulations.

Rabbits lawfully taken during the open season may be held in possession for 5 days after the termination of the open season. A permit to hold game longer than 5 days may be had by making application to the State Fish and Game Warden.

IOWA CROP VALUES INCREASE 75% BUT INCOME IS LOWER

DES MOINES — An increase of 75 per cent in the value of principal Iowa crops during 1933 was announced Saturday by Leslie M. Carl, federal agricultural statistician.

The total estimated value of eleven major crops was given as \$208,776,000 for 1933 and \$115,112,000 for 1932. With the addition of eight lesser crops, such as timothy and clover for seed, the figures were \$212,134,000 for 1933 and \$121,242,000 for 1932.

424 Average Gain

This meant an increase on the average of \$424 in the value of the crops of every farmer in Iowa. However, Carl pointed out, the lag in livestock prices has robbed many farmers of the benefits they would otherwise have enjoyed.

"The valuation of crops should not be confused with estimates of farm income," Carl said, "for they include the value of crops grown for feeding on the farms where produced and exclude important commodities such as the value of livestock and livestock products."

"More than half of the farmers' incomes are from these products, and as prices of livestock have remained low the increase in farm income has not been proportional to the increase in crop values," he continued.

Clover and Alfalfa Seed Shortage Seen By College Expert

AMES, Iowa — Less than half enough clover and alfalfa seed will be available for the 1934 sowing in view of the land utilization and soil conservation features of the AAA program, Dr. R. H. Porter, extension plant pathologist at Iowa State College, estimates.

"This shortage is liable to cause many seed dealers and farmers to offer low quality seed at slightly reduced prices," Dr. Porter says. "This would result in poor stands and might also increase the weed problem, as it is one of

Cull Broody Hens Is Advice Of U. S. Experiment Farm

In flocks of farm poultry of breeds such as Rhode Island Reds, Plymouth Rocks, and Wyandottes, in which some hens go broody and others do not, it pays to cull the broody hens and to use in the breeding flock only the hens that do not go broody.

In studies of poultry breeding at the United States Animal Husbandry Experiment Farm, at Beltsville, Md., Department of Agriculture investigators found that in the flock of Rhode Island Reds the pullets that went broody laid on the average about 180 eggs in their first year, in comparison with an average of approximately 205 eggs by the pullets that did not go broody. The difference of two dozen eggs in a year would make a material difference in the profit from a hen. The tendency toward broodiness is, to a considerable degree, hereditary.

Broody hens are likely to have broody daughters. In a few years the culling of broody hens from the breeding flock, even if not from the laying flock, would materially reduce the broodiness of the flock. When broody hens are observed in the laying flock they should be identified by a leg band or other method and sent to market as soon as they can be sold to advantage.

Approximately 38 per cent of the mortgaged farms operated by owners were indebted for one-half or more of their value as of Jan. 1, 1933, a survey of 22,000 farms by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reveals.

the easiest ways for a farm to become infected with noxious weeds"

Dr. Porter advises all purchasers to be sure that the seed they buy is of the quality represented. He says that an analysis of seed will be made at the college for 25 cents per sample.

"Many of the acres being retired under the corn-hog program will undoubtedly be seeded to some legume crop," says Dr. Porter. "For this reason it seems more than probable that an acute seed shortage will arise next spring."

24 FARMERS FORM CO-OP POWER AND LIGHT EXCHANGE

Twenty-four farmers around Granite Falls, Minn., tired of paying the excessive rates charged them by the large utility corporations, have organized a co-operative light and power exchange, the first of its kind in the State, and one of few in the country.

Known as the Stony Brook Corporation, it buys power generated at the municipally owned plant at Granite Falls at 5c and retails to its members at 7c a kilowatt. The Granite Falls plant has been unable to supply the farmers because of lack of lines.

The 2c difference has been used to construct lines, erect poles and install transformers. The remainder is retained as a reserve fund in case of storms and other emergencies, further excess to be distributed among the members.

Each of the member farms has installed complete lighting and power facilities. Current to operate milking machinery, washing machines and other electric appliances is now available at all times.

Slipshod Exigus

With the shrieking of sirens, the firing of cannons, the blowing of horns, confetti throwing, shouting, laughing, toasting, 11 days ago today the New York 1940 came. Believe it or not, 1940.

Robert L. Ripley has made the discovery. To him goes the credit for this disconcerting news, for he discovered that about 14 centuries ago somebody erred; a careless error indeed, this loss of six years.

The error was made by Dionisius Exigus, a monk from Syria who became abbot of monastery in Rome, and calculated the calendar for the church. He figured that Christ was born in 752 of the Roman era, and the church began dating the Christian era from that year. Another calculation made several centuries later showed he was six years off; Christ was born in 746 of the Roman era.

"If it hadn't been for the monk's error, the calendars would show this is 1940."

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